

42 *The Whitsuntide-Gift: or,*
mitted. The Hand of Providence evidently appears, I think, in this Transaction; for what Woman, under such Circumstances, could have behaved in such a Manner without supernatural Assistance? And I am convinced, as well as you Master *Smith*, that God Almighty always brings the Murderer to Justice even in this Life, by some Means or other; and what their Fate will be hereafter, we must not pretend to determine, for that is the Work of omnipotent Wisdom.

There is also a remarkable Account of the Discovery of a Murder to Lord Chief Justice *Hales*, and related, if I mistake not, in his *Reports*, or in his Advice to his Children, which you may read at a convenient Opportunity.

The *seventh* Commandment says:
Thou shalt not commit Adultery.

This Crime may justly be placed next to Murder; for it is next to it in its Consequences. It separates a Man, as it were, from himself and his Family; robs him, or her, to whom the Injury is done, of Peace; and too often is the Forerunner even of Murder

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The way to be very HAPPY.
Murder itself. I remember to have read a Passage in *Baker's Chronicle*, which I shall repeat to you.

In the Reign of King *James* the first, one *Ann Waters*, having an unlawful and wanton Intercourse with a young Man in the Neighbourhood; and finding her Husband some Embarrassment to their wicked Designs, determined to put him out of the Way, and accordingly one Night, assisted by her Paramour, she strangled her Husband, and they buried his Body under a Dunghill in the Cow-house. The Man was missing, and his Wife made such Lamentation about him, that the People greatly pitied her, and gave her all the Assistance in their Power, in searching for her Husband. After the Search was at an End, and it was imagined, that the Man might be gone away for Debt, without acquainting his Wife of his Intentions; a Woman in the Neighbourhood dreamed, that a Stranger told her, that *Ann Waters* had strangled her Husband, and hid him under the Dunghill. She at first disregarded the Dream, but it being repeated several Nights, it began publicly to
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